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Operational of Road Transport Services by district boards and other local authorities.

* 466 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri C. Rajam Ramaswamy is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to hand over the operation of Road Transport Services, either for passengers or for goods, to district boards or local authorities?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The answer is in the negative."

Prosecutions for irregularities in the co-operative institutions in Ramanathapuram district.

* 467 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri D. K. Raju) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the names of—

(*a*) the co-operative institutions in the Ramanathapuram district in respect of which prosecutions have been launched against their office-bearers since 1953 for defalcation and misappropriation of funds;

(*b*) those in which convictions have taken place; and

(*c*) those in regard to which cases are still pending?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) A statement[a] is placced on the table of the House."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" For how long are the investigations under items 7, 8 and 9 pending, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I cannot give the information now."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister whether it is a fact that these kinds of misappropriation and defalcation in the co-operative societies in all the districts and particularly in Ramanathapuram, are due to the inefficiency and lack of proper supervision and control by the local authorities? In that case, will the Government come forward to appoint a special officer to investigate into the matter and find out whether these misappropriation and defalcation cases were due to lack of efficiency on the part of officers of these societies? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already stated Government propose to appoint a committee to go into the working of the co-operative movement and to suggest such improvements and changes as are found necesary."

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 511 infra.

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12 noon. SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Sir, particulars given under column 2 of the printed answer do not show the action taken against the Board of Directors. What is the approximate amount involved in this misappropriation and falsification of accounts? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Representations from the Tamil students of the Engineering College, Anantapur.

* 510 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from 34 Tamil students of the Engineering College, Anantapur, that the half-fee concession and other facilities were withheld and they should be admitted either in the Engineering College at Guindy or Coimbatore; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The matter is receiving immediate attention. The Andhra Government have been requested to continue the concession to the students of this State studying in the Andhra State pending final decision in the matter."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஸார், ஆந்தர சர்க்காரும் இந்த சர்க்காரும் ஒரு இறுதி முடிவிற்கு வருவதற்கு முன்பாக கல்லூரிகளில் அரைச் சம்பளம்கூட கொடுக்க முடியாமல் மாணவர்கள் இருக்கிறபடியால் அவர்களிடமிருந்து சம்பளம் வாங்குவதை ஒத்திவைப்பதற்கு ஆந்தர சர்க்காருக்கு இந்த சர்க்கார் சிபார்சு செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HCN. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, we have written to the Andhra Government to continue the concession till the entire matter is settled."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" ஸார், கல்லூரி திறந்து எழு மாதங்கள் ஆன பிறகும் இந்த அரசாங்கம் ஆந்தர அரசாங்கத்திற்கு எழுதியும் இன்னும் அவர்கள் தருகிறோம் அல்லது தரவில்லை என்ற முடிவு சொல்லாமலிருக்கிறபடியால் அந்தக் கல்லூரி மாணவர்களுக்கு கஷ்டமாக இருக்கிறது. இந்த விஷயம் இந்த அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரிந்திருந்தும், அரசாங்கம் என் அந்த மாணவர்களுக்கு நேரடியாக பண உதவி செய்யக் கூடாது என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, that is a different matter. Not having heard from the Andhra Government we cannot do anything, but the suggestion of the hon. Member will be considered in this connexion."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" On a point of order, Sir. I would like to know why this House has not been supplied with copies of this question."

(Sri M. Kalyanasundaram and some other hon. Members from the Opposition said that they have received copies of the question.)